

May 21, 2015
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL
Work Session
MINUTES

Meeting commenced at **5:00 pm**.

Present: Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Paul O'Connell (W4)

Item 1: RR Quiet Zones:

Zones have previously discussed. Mayor will now contact DOT Regional Director in Watertown, NY. History of Engineer support, surveys and assessments. Design preparation and right of way acquisition needed. Railroad and Department of Transportation will have strong roles.

Item 2 and 3: Taxi regulations and plan for revising:

Councilors Armstrong and Kretser to meet.

Item 4: Finance Committee Report (Capital Project status, 5 year Capital Planning template):

Councilors Armstrong, Kelly and now Dowdle. 2016 will be a challenge. Revenues and assessment will be down in 2016. Chamberlain Marks remarked deal with now-not crisis. Marina revenues discussed with hope to offset loan payment. Mayor advised there are 2016 rental interests and city will have better idea in July. Mayor also said he has asked Department Heads for information now, rather than August to formulate 2016 budget.

Councilor Armstrong spoke of looking at next year's travel, line by line, plan more carefully and how past discussion was to have been a general conversation. Total cost of travel: \$206,000, \$76,000 is from general fund. Overtime impacts, training, staggering travel, all to be looked at. Thoughts expressed of 5 year plans, examine budget year round. Budget to remain as a fluid document.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:50 pm

[Minutes recorded and submitted by Councilor Dowdle]